

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TRUDI SCHMIDT**, on January 18, 2007 at 5:00 P.M., in Room 317-C Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Trudi Schmidt, Chairman (D)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. John Cobb (R)
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Greg Lind (D)
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)
Sen. Dan Weinberg (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 79, 1/8/2007; SB 137, 1/8/2007

Executive Action: SB 60

00:00:01

HEARING ON SB 79

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:58 **SEN. RICK LAIBLE (R), SD 44**, opened the hearing on **SB 79**, Change manner of funding long-range building program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:26 Tom O'Connell, State Architect

00:12:11 Amy Carlson, Governor's Budget Office

00:13:16 David Ewer, Budget Director

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:17:17 Mick Robinson, Montana University System

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:29 Sen. Hawks to Sen. Laible

00:20:14 Sen. Weinberg to Sen. Laible

00:23:23 Sen. Lind to Tom O'Connell, State Architect

00:24:13 Sen. Brueggeman

00:24:48 Sen. Mitch Tropila to Sen. Laible

00:25:40 Amy Carlson, Governor's Budget Office

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:27 Sen. Laible closed on the bill.

HEARING ON SB 137

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:23 **SEN. RICK LAIBLE (R), SD 44**, opened the hearing on **SB 137**, Create budget stabilization fund.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs12a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs12a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:17 Amy Carlson, Governor's Budget Office

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:12 Sen. Hawks to Sen. Laible

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:52 Sen. Rick Laible closed on the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 60

00:41:44 **Motion:** SEN. COBB moved that SB 60 DO PASS.

00:43:44 **Motion:** SEN. COBB moved that SB006001.ATP BE ADOPTED.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs12a03\)](#)

01:43:55 **Vote:** Motion that SB006001.ATP BE ADOPTED carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:44:11 **Motion:** SEN. COBB moved that SB 60 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

01:44:12 Sen. Cobb

01:45:29 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-1 with SEN. BARKUS voting no.

00:46:17 David Ewer, Budget Director spoke as proponent of SB 137 with permission of the Chair.

00:47:28 Sen. Carol Williams regarding SB 12.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:57 P.M.

SEN. TRUDI SCHMIDT, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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